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DETAILED ACTION

The amendment filed before proposes amendments to final rejection that do not comply with 37 CFR 1.173(b), which sets forth the manner of making amendments in reissue applications. A supplemental paper correctly amending the reissue application is required.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this letter is set to expire ONE (1)

MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this letter.

"Please note for changes to the claims, one must submit a copy of the entire patent claim with the amendments shown by underlining and bracketing, e.g, claims 8,11-12,18,30,33-34,43,55,78,83-84,86-87,90-91."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frederick C. Nicolas whose telephone number is (571)-272-4931. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin P. Shaver, can be reached on 571-272-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Frederick C. Nicolas/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3754